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SUBJ: UNEP/UNCTAD COCOYOC SYMPOSIUM AND DECLARATION

### SUMMARY:

1. UNEP/UNCTAD SYMPOSIUM ON "PATTERNS OF RESOURCE USE, ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES," HELD AT COCOYOC, MEXICO, OCTOBER 8-12, 1974, WITH GOM AS HOST THROUGH UNDERSECRETARIAT OF HEALTH FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT (SUBSECRETARIA PARA EL MEJORAMIENTO DEL AMBIENTE - SMA), CHAIRED BY LADY JACKSON (UK), WITH MAURICE STRONG (UNEP DG) AS CO-CHAIRMAN, WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY PARTICIPATION OF PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA IN FINAL WORK SESSION, OCTOBER 11.

2. THE QUOTE COCOYOC DECLARATION UNQUOTE, ISSUED A STRIDENT CALL FOR A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER, SINCE THE OLD IS BANKRUPT; AN INTERNATIONAL TAXATION SYSTEM; A NEW SYSTEM OF EVALUATING RESOURCES. IT EMPHASIZED THE UNERSCORE DEVELOPMENT OF MAN END UNDERSORE NOT OF THINGS, AND THIS NOT UNILINEAR (SIC) BUT THROUGH MANY ROADS; THAT NO SHORTAGE OF PHYSICAL RESOKXCES EXISTS, BUT RATHER UNCLASSIFIED

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URGENT PROBLEM OF MISUSE AND MALDISTRIBUTION; AND URGED

A BASIC STRATEGY OF INCREASED NATIONAL SELF-RELIANCE.

. IN SUGGESTIONS FOR ACTION, IT CALLED (AMONG OTHERS) FOR PROGRAMS AIMED AT SATISFYING BASIC NEEDS OF THE POOR: FOOD, SHELTER, CLOTHING, HEALTH, AND EDUCATION (BUT DID NOT MENTION SECURITY) TO BE DESIGNED BY POLITICAL LEADERS, GOVERNMENTS, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND SCIENTISTS. FINALLY, THE DECLARATION HEARTILY ENDORSED THE 1975 UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER AND URGED THAT ECHEVERRIA'S CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES BE ADOPTED SOONEST.

END SUMMARY.

#### 4. BECKGROUND:

THE MEETING IS LOOKED UPON AS A FOLLOW-UP ON THE FOUNEZ REPORT, WHICH SERVED AS THE BASIC DOCUMENT FOR LDC ENVIRONMENTAL PARTICIPATION IN THE UN 1972 STOCKHOLM MEETING. THE RESULTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SIMILAR USE, HOPEFULLY, AT THE WORLD CONFERENCE FOLLOW-UP OF STOCKHOLM. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT UNEP DG STRONG APPROACHED VIZCAINO MURRAY AT THE NAIROBI MEETING IN MARCH INQUIRING IF THE GOM WOULD LIKE TO HOST THE SYMPOSIUM, ENCOUNTERING QUITE AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE.

#### 5. MODUS OPERANDI:

THE WORK OF THE SYMPOSIUM, AS ADOPTED, CALLED FOR THE PREPARATION OF A DOCUMENT TO BE KNOWN AS THE DECLARATION OF COCOYOC. THIS WOULD LEAD OFF WITH (A) AN INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT, BE FOLLOWED BY (B) A CONCEPTUAL DISCUSSION, AND FINISH WITH (C) ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS. THE PARTICIPANTS, STRICTLY LIMITED IN NUMBER UNDER THE EXCELLENT CHAIRMANSHIP OF LADY JACKSON, ADHERED TO THIS PLAN. THE PRESS WAS EXCLUDED UNTIL FINAL SESSION, TO WHICH THEY GAVE BIG PLAY.

#### 6. CONCLUSIONS:

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ON OCTOBER 11, TSURU OF JAPAN PRESENTED FROM HIS NOTES THE OVERALL CONCLUSIONS WHICH HAD BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE DRAFT DOCUMENT. THE MAJOR ISSUES TO BE COVERED WERE LISTED BY HIM AS EIGHT IN NUMBER, NAMELY:

- (A) SATISFACTION OF HUMAN NEEDS
- (B) DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES
- (C) GLOBAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

- (D) INTERNATIONAL REGIMES FOR THE EXPLOITATION OF COMMON RESOURCES (E.G. THE SEA AND THE SEABED)
- (E) RESEARCH PRIORITIES
- (F) ECO-DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (S)
- (G) THE COST COMPONENT OF QUALITY (SUBSEQUENTLY DROPPED), AN
- (H) SUPPORT OF THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES.

7. DISCUSSION:

EMBASSY SCICOUNS, WHO HAD BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE AS AN OBSERVER BY SMA, THE GOM HOSTS, ATTENDED THE SESSIONS AT WHICH THE ABOVE REPORT BY TSURU WAS PRESENTED. IN THE DISCUSSION OF EACH POINT BY THOSE PRESENT (WORKING GROUPS WERE BUSY ON THE DRAFT DECLARATION), THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS WERE MADE:

7.1 BY MAURICE STRONG: THE DESTRUCTION OF RESOURCES SHOULD BE MENTIONED, AS WELL AS THE INHERENT CONFLICT BETWEEN THE RICH AND THE POOR IN RESOURCE USE; THAT THE TRANSFER OF RESOURCES REQUIRED MORE EMPHASIS AND THAT REFERENCE SHOULD BE MADE TO THE EVILS OF THE PRICE STRUCTURE CREATED BY THE OVERUSE OF RESOURCES BY THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS. FYI. STRONG COMMENTED TO EMBREP THAT THE US WOULD NOT BE HAPPY WITH SOME OF THEIR CONCLUSIONS. END FYI.

7.2 BY OTHERS: THE NEED FOR NEW TECHNIQUES AND NEW DIRECTIONS IN EDUCATION SHOULD BE STRESSED; THE EXPRESSION OF THE FEELINGS OF THE OPPRESSED AND EXPLOITED SHOULD BE ACHIEVED BY POLITICAL PARTICIPATION; PRESSURE GROUPS (SUCH AS THE SIERRA CLUB) SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED; THE INCAPACITY OF MANY COUNTRIES TO ABSORB AND USE EXTERNAL AID SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT; THE INTER-RELATIONSHIP OF RESOURCES, POPULATION, ENVIRONMENT SHOULD

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BE EMPHASIZED.

7.3 THE URGENT NEED OF BASIS FACTS (STATISTICAL, OTHER, DATA FOR SOILS, WATER, TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE, ETC.), AS TO WHERE THE WORLD STANDS WAS EMPHASIZED, FOR FROM THESE THE TIME ELEMENT (CALENDAR OF EVENTS) COULD BE CALCULATED.

7.4 THE UN SHOULD BE URGED TO SEND EXPERTS TO MEET WITH CITIZEN GROUPS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO ADVISE THEM ON WHAT THE ORGANIZATION WAS DOING.

7.5 THE REPORT SHOULD REFLECT THAT THE GROUP "LIKES HUMAN BEINGS" AND ALSO ENDORSES THE BUCHAREST CONFERENCE FINDINGS ON POPULATION, BUT SHOULD NOT ENDEAVOR TO SET UP NORMS AS SUCH, E.G., THE TWO FOR TWO CONCEPT.

NOTE: THE FINAL TEXT DID REITERATE THE PARTICIPANTS'  
"FAITH IN THE FUTURE OF MANKIND ON THIS PLANET."

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#### 8. ECHEVERRIA PARTICIPATION:

8.1 ECHEVERRIA PRESENCE AT SYMPOSIUM APPARENTLY NOT PART OF THE ORIGINAL PLAN. HOWEVER, SINCE PARTICIPANTS IN EARLY DISCUSSIONS WERE CALLING FOR NEW ECONOMIC ORDER AND COCOYOC HACIENDA HOTEL, A DELIGHTFUL SEQUESTERED MILIEU FOR MEETING OF THIS SORT, A LITTLE OVER ONE HOUR BY HIGHWAY FROM MEXICO CITY, IT SEEMS THE PRESIDENT DECIDED THAT HE WANTED TO TAKE PART, AND PRESUMABLY GET ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR HIS CHARTER. THERE UNSUED, OF COURSE, A FRENZIED RESHUFFLING OF THE PROGRAM TO ACCOMMODATE.

8.2 THE FINAL DISCUSSION SESSION WAS HELD IN A LARGE INTERIOR, FLOWERED PATIO, WITH FAIRLY TIGHT SECURITY. THE PRESIDENT ARRIVED PROMPTLY AT 7:00 PM, DEPARTED TWO HOURS LATER. LADY JACKSON OPENED THE DISCUSSION BY READING, PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH, THE THEN DRAFT TEXT OF THE DECLARATION. ECHEVERRIA COMMENTED AT LENGTH, EXTEMPORANEOUSLY, ON PASSAGES THAT CAUGHT HIS ATTENTION.

HE WAS OBVIOUSLY PLEASED AT THE LINE OF APPROACH TAKEN BY THE PARTICIPANTS, AND TOUCHED UPON PRACTICALLY EVERY PART MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 6 AND 7 ABOVE, ENDING ON A NOTE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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WARM ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE SYMPOSIUM TO PROCEED WITH THEIR URGENT WORK AFTER HIS DEPARTURE. AFTER THE ECHEVERRIA INTERVENTION, AND BEFORE HE DEPARTED, LADY JACKSON CALLED ON SEVERAL PARTICIPANTS TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS, INCLUDING GALTUNG OF NORWAY, KASSAS OF EGYPT, AND STAXENHAGEN OF MEXICO. ASSURENCE WAS GIVEN ECHEVERRIA THAT HIS THOUGHTS WOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO THE FINAL TEXT. STRONG EXPRESSED IN ELOQUENT TERMS THE PARTICIPANTS' PLEASURE AT THE PRESIDENT'S INTEREST IN THEIR DELIBERATIONS.

9. COPY OF COCOYOC DECLARATION AND LIST OF UN-INVITED PARTICIPANTS HAND CARRIED TO ARA/MEX; OCTOBER 17 (SEE MEXICO 8801).

10. COMMENT:

AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA HAS DEEP PERSONAL INTEREST IN NEW ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN DCS AND LDCS. BESIDES ATTENDING THE COCOYOC MEETING, HE ALSO PARTICIPATED IN SALZBURG CLUB OF ROME MEETING.  
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